Subject: Grecian gold ornament

Morgan, E.D.

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11 West 42nd Street
New York
October 27th, 1930.

American Numismatic Society,
156th Street West of Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Attention of Mr. Wood.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Referring to our conversation over the telephone Friday last, I am sending to you today a photograph of the little medal or ornament about which I spoke to you.

I should appreciate very much your opinion as to its value.

As I said at the time, this is sent to me by a friend of Mrs. Morgan's and mine in Ireland, who, I am sorry to say at present is very hard up due to the difficulties in that country. This medal, she tells me, was inherited by her from her father who considered it one of his most cherished possessions. Of course, it is quite impossible for me to vouch for anything in connection with this emblem, but the people are extremely nice, well born, etc., and I have known them a long time.

At the same time could you give me the names of some responsible people who are in the way of purchasing such things.

Thanking you in advance for any trouble you may take in the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

J P Morgan

Nov. 6, 1930

Mr.E.D. Morgan:
11 West 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Morgan:

I have delayed answering your inquiry concerning the Grecian gold ornament of which you submitted a photograph, as I wished to consult with Mr. Newell about it, who, as I told you over the telephone, is as good an authority as anyone on coins of Alexander the Great. He says that he cannot see, nor does he think that it has any connection with the victories of Alexander. He thinks the probable use for it was that of an earring, and as it is a piece of jewellery he does not feel competent to pass upon it. Have you submitted it to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, or the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston? We also wondered how long ago it was that the British Museum authorities made the statement that it was to celebrate the victories of Alexander. I am herewith returning the photograph and am very sorry we cannot help you in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

11 West 42nd Street
New York

November 10th, 1930.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, between 155th & 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have yours of November 6th and hasten to thank you for the trouble you have taken in the matter of the medal.

In accordance with your suggestion I am writing today to the Curator of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

With renewed thanks, I am,

Very truly yours,